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1. Prices

The following are prices of goods sold in Bucharest shops during May 1952:-

a. State Shops

Oil	per kilo	3.80 lei	(with ration coupons)
Sugar	per kilo	3. lei	(with ration coupons)
Sugar	per kilo	9 to 9.30 lei when available	(without ration coupons)
Flour	per kilo	3.50 to 4. lei	(without ration coupons)
Maize flour	per kilo	2.70 lei	(without ration coupons)
Macaroni	per kilo	2.60 lei	(with ration coupons)
Macaroni	per kilo	6. lei	(without ration coupons)
Rice	per kilo	9. lei	(without ration coupons)
Cheese	per kilo	11. lei	(without ration coupons)
Beans	per kilo	1.70 lei	(without ration coupons)
Potatoes	per kilo	0.70 leu	(without ration coupons)

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Fresh butter	per kilo	25. lei	(without ration coupons) Rationed by the shops to 200 grams per person.
Wine	per kilo	5.12 to 16. lei	(without ration coupons)
Brandy	per kilo	24. lei	(without ration coupons)
Creme de Menthe	per kilo	15. lei	(without ration coupons)
Ouzo (sic)	per kilo	22. to 24. lei	(without ration coupons)
Beer	per kilo	3. lei	(without ration coupons)
Dried onions	per kilo	0.90 lei	(without ration coupons)
Fresh onions	per bunch	0.20 lei	(without ration coupons)
Spinach	per kilo	0.75 to 1 lei	(without ration coupons)
Dried garlic	per kilo	2. lei	(without ration coupons)
Fresh garlic	per bunch	0.20 lei	(without ration coupons)
Albanian olives	per kilo	25. lei	(without ration coupons)
Suit		370 to 900 lei	(with ration coupons)
Suit		700 to 2,000 lei	(without ration coupons)
Suiting material		50 to 120 lei per meter	(with ration coupons)
Suiting material		250 to 600 lei per meter	(without ration coupons)
Men's shoes		70 to 100 lei	(with ration coupons)
Men's shoes		150 to 350 lei	(without ration coupons)
Beef	per kilo	4.80 lei	(with ration coupons)
Beef	per kilo	8. lei	(without ration coupons)
Pork	per kilo	8. lei	(with ration coupons)
Pork	per kilo	12. lei	(without ration coupons)
Mutton	per kilo	6.70 lei	(This was obtainable at this price either with or with- out coupons).
Fish	per kilo	6 to 14 lei	(with ration coupons) Fish was in very short supply and when available long queues were formed outside the shops.
Paraffin	per kilo	0.50 lei	(with ration coupons)
Petrol	per kilo	3.50 lei	(without ration coupons)

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Shoe repairs, rubber soles	60 to 80 lei	(without ration coupons)
Shoe repairs, leather soles	30 to 40 lei	(with ration coupons)
Haircut	2 lei	
Shave	1.25 lei	
Haircut and shave	3. lei	
Bar of toilet soap	2.60 to 4 lei	
Cinema ticket	1 to 2 lei	
Theatre ticket	5 to 12 lei	

Lemons, oranges,
currants and al-
monds are scarce.

b. Free Market

Oil	per kilo	22 to 25 lei	
Flour	per kilo	3.50 to 4 lei	(as in state shops)
Cheese	per kilo	11 to 12 lei	
Beans	per kilo	4 lei	
Potatoes	per kilo	2 to 2.50 lei	
Pork fat	per kilo	20 to 28 lei	
Beef	per kilo	13 to 18 lei	
Pork	per kilo	17 to 20 lei	
Mutton	per kilo	12 to 13 lei	
Petrol	per kilo	3.50 lei	(as in state shops)
Shoe repairs, rubber soles		60 to 80 lei	(as in state shops)

Leather is rare-
ly available on
the free market.

The following commodities are not available:-

Sugar, macaroni, rice, wines and spirits, suiting material, shoes and paraffin.

2. Restaurants

- a. Free restaurants have gradually closed down and it would appear that there are none operating in Bucharest.

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b. No ration coupons are required in restaurants. As many dishes, meat or otherwise, as required may be ordered and only the price stated in the menu is charged.

c. The following are prices of dishes:-

Meat soup	2.50 to 2.80 lei
Meatless soup	1.50 to 1.60 lei
Meat dish	3.20 to 3.50 lei
Chops	3.80 to 4.50 lei
Dishes cooked in oil	2. to 2.50 lei
Bread per portion	0.20 lei
Wine $\frac{1}{4}$ kilo	2. lei
Beer - 300 grams glass	1 leu
Beer - 500 grams glass	1.50 lei
Beer - 500 grams bottle	2. lei
Fish dish	4. to 12. lei
Salads	1.50 to 2. lei

3. Wages - Salaries

a. Bucharest Area

Farm laborer	250 lei per month
Waiter	250 lei per month
Streetcar driver	600 - 700 lei per month
Streetcar or bus conductor	220 to 250 lei per month
Clerk	250 to 350 lei per month
Typist	350 to 400 lei per month
Maid	10 to 15 lei per day apart from board and lodging.

b. Braila

(1) The following are wages and salaries payed by the Viitorul Shipyards, Braila:

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Apprentice	50 lei per month	(and theoretical and practical training)
Unskilled laborer	300 lei per month	
Skilled laborer (without diploma)	300 to 400 lei per month	
Skilled laborer (with diploma)	500 to 1,100 lei per month	
Foremen	600 to 1,400 lei per month	
Chief engineer	2,100 lei per month	
Administrative director	1,450 lei per month	
Shipbuilding engineer (with Polytechnic diploma)	400 to 1,200 lei per month	
Head of a administrative department	900 lei per month	
Assistant	605 lei per month	
Chief of production	1,400 lei per month	
Assistant	900 lei per month	
Head of supply department	1,050 lei per month	
Assistant	700 lei per month	
Chief accountant	1,400 lei per month	
Assistant	1,050 lei per month	
Head of an accountancy section	730 lei per month	
Accountant	495 to 605 lei per month	
Accountants in supply department	495 to 730 lei per month	
Clerks in works and salaries department	505 to 1,050 lei per month	
Employees in planning department	600 to 1,400 lei per month	
Central paymaster	730 lei per month	
Technical directors	2,100 to 2,130 lei per month	

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Chief engineer technical service	1,400 lei per month
Assistant	920 lei per month
Employees in technical services	600 to 920 lei per month
Head of shipbuilding construction sections	1,200 lei per month
Assistant	900 lei per month
Workmen of shipbuilding construction sections	495 to 900 lei per month

- (2) The above salaries are for 8 hours work per day. Some skilled laborers and technicians are required to do overtime, and their pay is calculated according to output.
- (3) Wages and salaries are paid twice a month but the dates of payment vary according to factories. Thus the Viitorul yards pay on the 24th and the 9th of each month. The payment on the 24th is considered to be an advance; the accounts of all personnel are balanced on the 9th. The Progresul Metallurgy plant in Braila pays on the 26th and the 10th of each month.

(4) Compulsory Monthly Deductions

The following monthly deductions were made in the case of a clerk who earned 495 lei:

Income tax (Inposit de stat)	37 lei
Trade Union subscription (<u>Sindicatul Metalochimie</u>)	5 lei
Trade Union newspaper subscription (<u>Viata Sindicatului</u>)	4 lei
Red Cross subscription	0.50 lei
A.R.L.U.S. (Russo-Rumanian Friendship League)	0.50 lei
Total	47 lei

4. Women at Work

In general the number of women employed continues to increase. In Bucharest they constitute about 30% of streetcar and bus personnel and 25% of the traffic police (percentages estimated). More women than men are employed in the textile and tobacco industries. Since 1950 they have also been observed to work as builders. In all cases women receive equal pay.

5. Accommodation

Accommodation is scarce and overcrowding is general throughout the country. The hirings offices (Oficiul de Inchiriere) are still responsible, but

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lately the police authorities have been exercising their right to "veto" allocations. Evictions, apart from deportations, are still common; the time limit varies from 24 hours to 3 days. Usually no assistance is given.

6. Transfer of Administrative Personnel to Manual Labor

- a. The tendency throughout the country is to reduce administrative establishments in order to obtain labor for more productive work. As a result, reduced administrative staffs are working under considerable strain. In order to meet requirements, individual tasks are increased and the staff may be forced to work overtime.
- b. Transferred personnel, refusing to obey orders, are either summarily dismissed or arrested by the authorities.

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